

GOVERNMENT OF TALANGANA
ABSTRACT

Forest Conservation Act – Proposal for diversion of 124.96 ha forest land in Compartment Nos. 49 & 51 of Yellandu R.F. Block of Kothagudem Division in favour of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) – Final (stage-II) approval – Accorded.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 34

Dated: 05-09-2018
Read the following:-

1. From PCCF, A.P, Hyd., Lr.Rc.No.49972/2012-F1,
Dated:09.04.2014.
2. Govt. Letter No.204/FOR.I (1)/2014, EFS&T (For.I) Dept.
Dt.12.05.2014.
3. From Govt. of India, MoEF, New Delhi Lr.No. F.No.8-260/1985-FC
(Vol.), Dt. 13.07.2015.
4. From PCCF, T.S., Hyd., Lr.Rc.No.49972/2012/FCA-1/PS,
Dated:12.12.2017.
5. Govt. Letter No.204/FOR.I (1)/2014, EFS&T (For.I) Dept.,
Dated:29.12.2017.
6. From Govt. of India, MoEF, New Delhi, Lr.No. F.No.8-260/1985-FC,
dt.20.07.2018.

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In his letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), A.P., Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for 2nd Renewal of Yellandu Mining lease for reduced extent of 124.96 Ha., of forest land in Compt.Nos.49 & 51 of Yellandu R.F. Block of Kothagudem Division, in favour of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL).

2. In their letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5th read above, Government of Telangana have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi for according necessary approval.

4. In their letter 6th read above, the Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para 1 above, under Section 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of 124.96 ha forest land in Compartment Nos. 49 & 51 of Yellandu R.F. Block of Kothagudem Division in favour of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) under section-2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) The State Government shall ensure that wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall implement by involving local community, the afforestation measures in the blanks within the lease area, as well as long the roads outside the lease area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost;

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- (iii) The period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulating) Act, 1957, as amended or Rules framed there under;
- (iv) The State Government shall ensure that the user agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.40), if any, located in the area within 100 m. from outer perimeter of the mining lease;
- (v) The State Government shall ensure that the User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed.
- (vi) The State Government shall ensure that in case of under-ground mines, area on surface shall be fenced and afforested from the funds to be provided by the user agency.
- (vii) The State Government shall ensure that the user agency shall implement de-silting of the village tanks and other water bodies located within five km from the mine lease boundary so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies, whenever required;
- (viii) The user agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- (ix) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- (x) The user agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- (xi) The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar;
- (xii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be change without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xiii) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal;

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- (xiv) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
 - (xv) No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
 - (xvi) Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Government;
 - (xvii) The user agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;
 - (xviii) The user agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government and to the concerned Regional Office to the Ministry regularly;
 - (xix) Any other condition that the Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), Chennai of this Ministry, Chennai may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and
 - (xx) The State Government and user agency shall ensure compliance to all conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval for which undertaking have been obtained from the user agency and also the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
 - (xxi) State Government shall ensure that forest land above underground mine shall be free from encroachment before any order of diversion is issued.
6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and User Agency.

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SECTION OFFICER